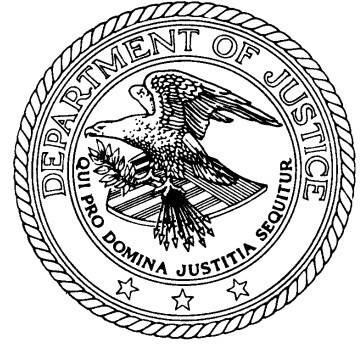


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SIKESTON MAN SENTENCED TO 180 MONTHS ON FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

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A Sikeston, Missouri man was sentenced today on federal drug and gun charges, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

ELTON LLOYD STONER, age 23, was sentenced to 180 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Charles A. Shaw.

On May 27, 2007, two Mississippi County deputies went to the residence of Elton Lloyd Stoner in Charleston, Missouri. The deputies made contact with Mr. Stoner in his residence in the course of their investigation. During that investigation, the deputies seized a Buddie Arms,

.22 caliber derringer from Mr. Stoner's bedroom. Due to Stoner's previous felony convictions, he is prohibited by law from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.